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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Chief State School Officers

From: Cecil J. Picard

State Superintendent of Education

Date: February 15, 2006

Re: Displaced New Orleans Students

Once again, I would like to thank each of you for your commitment to the children of Louisiana who were displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Your partnership in providing our displaced students with relevant and timely information has been critical. It is in this spirit of cooperation that I write to you again asking for your assistance.

The Louisiana Department of Education has taken a lead role in ensuring that students returning to the city of New Orleans have a quality public school to attend. However, many parents are unaware of our services including our toll free call center and website. Attached is a one-page flier targeting parents who plan to return to New Orleans with their children both this spring and next fall. I am asking that you distribute this flier to your local districts and schools so that it can be placed in the hands of our displaced residents.

Displaced New Orleans residents need to hear that the Louisiana Department of Education is dedicated to rebuilding Louisiana through education, but more importantly, they need to know where they can turn for accurate information. This flier gives them that opportunity.

If you have any questions or need additional information on the fliers, please contact the Louisiana Department of Education's Communications Office at 1-877-453-2721.

CJP:mec

Attachment



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THE SOUNDS OF CHILDREN ARE IN NEW ORLEANS ONCE AGAIN.

COMING BACK home TO New Orleans?

public school
FOR YOUR child?

The Louisiana Department of Education is here to help.

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